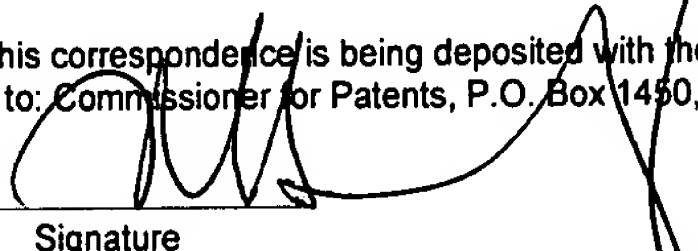


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including January 2, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$475.00 (small entity) for a three-month extension to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0249.NPUS01. Should any additional fees be required relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12740.0249.NPUS01.

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